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SUBJECT: US-NEA COMPUTER PROGRAM AND DATA EXCHANGE

REF: (A) WILLIAMS/VANDERRY LETTER OF 12/19/77,
(B) PARIS 02001

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO NEA:

2. DEAR MR. WILLIAMS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 19 REGARDING
THE BALANCE OF COMPUTER PROGRAM AND DATA EXCHANGES
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NEW NEA DATA BANK. WE
AGREE THAT THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MITIGATE
AGAINST SIMPLE AND OVERLY RESTRICTIVE MEASURES BY
EITHER PARTY. WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO NOTE THE
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INCREASED TRANSMISSION OF COMPUTER PROGRAMS IN
RECENT MONTHS TO THE ARGONNE CODE CENTER AND THE
OAK RIDGE RADIATION SHIELDING INFORMATION CENTER
AND WE HOPE THAT CODE EXCHANGES THROUGH THESE
CHANNELS WILL CONTINUE INCREASINGLY IN THE
DIRECTION OF A MORE BALANCED EXCHANGE.

WE REGRET THAT, DUE TO TRAVEL FUND LIMITATIONS, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO SEND A SPECIALIST FROM WASHINGTON TO THE MARCH 9-10 MEETING OF THE NEA DATA BANK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, WE APPRECIATE THE OFFER TO PUT THIS ISSUE ON THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 9 TO ILLUMINATE EUROPEAN POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO THE NEA DATA BANK.

IF POSSIBLE, I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THIS ITEM TO REMAIN ON THE AGENDA. SOL ROSEN, OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT OECD, COULD THEN ATTEND THE MEETING ON OUR BEHALF TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE EUROPEAN SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO THE CODE EXCHANGE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOUR STAFF AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF THE U.S.-NEA DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ASSURE AN EQUITABLE EXCHANGE UNDER A RENEWED AGREEMENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU COULD MAKE FOR THIS SAME PURPOSE.

SINCERELY,

JACK VANDERRYN, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
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3. PLEASE URGE SECRETARIAT TO INCLUDE ITEM ON EUROPEAN POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR FEEDING DATA BANK ON AGENDA FOR MARCH 9 MEETING. MISSION'S REPORT ON SUCH A DISCUSSION WOULD ASSIST U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF REASONS FOR CODE EXCHANGE IMBALANCE AND MAY ILLUMINATE POSSIBLE MEANS FOR ENSURING BALANCE UNDER RENEWED AGREEMENT.

4. GUIDANCE FOR MISSION REPRESENTATION TO FOLLOW. VANCE

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